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SUBJECT: UNIVERSITYTROUBLES

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1. UNIVERSITY OF TUNIS APPEARS TO HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL AND STRIKE ACTIVITY HAS ENDED. MANY STUDENTS LEFT TUNIS AFTER FEBRUARY 24 DEMONSTRATIONS AND STAYED WITH FAMILIES THROUGH MOULED HOLIDAY ON MARCH 2. THEY ARE NOW APPARENTLY BACK IN CLASS.

2. PRINCIPAL FACTORS IN RETURN TO NORMAL ON CAMPUSAPPEARS TO BE GOT THREAT TO CUT OFF SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS (WHICH 85 PER CENT OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS RECEIVE) FOR ANYONE NOT ATTENDING CLASSES. ALSO, GOT HAS DECIDED NOT TO PROSECUTE AUTHORS OF FEBRUARY 24 DEMONSTRATION, THUS DENYING RADICALS AN ISSUE WITH WHICH TO RALLY THE MASS OF STUDENTS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOT HAD ARRESTED ABOUT 100 PERSONS IN CONNECTION WITH FEBRUARY 24 DEMONSTRATION AND HAD INTENDED TO TRY 17 DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28. MINISTER OF

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INTERIOR BELKHODJA REPORTEDLY ORDERED THE TRIALS CANCELLED. WE ASSUME THAT THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN TO HEAD OFF FURTHER PUBLIC DISTURBANCES WHILE TWO IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES (NON-ALIGNED INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL ON INFORMATION AND PALESTINIAN WRITERS CONFERENCE) WERE TAKING PLACE. WARNING IN BELKHODJA'S SOUSSE SPEECH ON FEBRUARY 25 THAT GOT WOULD NOT TOLERATE ANARCHY AND LAWLESSNESS SEEMED

TO INDICATE THAT GOT IS NOT TAKING A MORE LENIENT ATTITUDE
TOWARD RADICAL DISSIDENTS.
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